

**STELLA TOWN BOARD
MINUTES
JULY 10, 2006**

**Bid Opening on Paving
Project 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, 7/10/06
Town Board Meeting
immediately after bid opening
Stella Town Hall**

Meeting called by:	Chair Dave Brunette	Type of meeting:	Regular Town Board Meeting
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OTHERS PRESENT: EDIE FRANSON, LORI WRITZ, CASEY CRUMP, CARL SPITTLEMEISTER, GREG GOLDEN

Topic	Presenter	Action/Discussion
✓ Call meeting to order	D. Brunette	
✓ Approve minutes of June 2006 as distributed/email	J.. Fish, Clerk	Action- Motion made by D. Polinski, seconded by S. Eades to approve the June minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
✓ Approve Treasurer's Report	K. Baker, Treasurer	Action-K. Baker summarized the balance of funds in the NOW account and checking account. The balance as of July 2006 is \$86,635.13. Motion made by D. Brunette, seconded by Scott Eades to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
Old Business:		Action-D. Brunette noted that two bids were received for the paving project on Moens Lake Rd., with the bid opening held at 7 PM this evening prior to the regular board meeting. A motion was made by D. Brunette, seconded by S. Eades, to accept the low bid from Pitlik & Wick of \$44,343.34 to complete the road project as per specs. Motion carried. The Clerk will notify both bidders by letter of the results.
o Paving Project Bid Opening		
New Business:		
o Subdivision Ordinance	All	During the June board meeting, members of the Plan Commission and the Town Board created a "draft" subdivision ordinance based on another township's model. D. Brunette contacted Atty. Hogan to look over the ordinance and offer suggestions specific to the Town of Stella. Atty. Hogan indicated he is currently working with two other towns on their subdivision ordinances so this might be a good time for Stella to also consider creating a subdivision ordinance. Atty. Hogan indicated he would come to the August board meeting to offer suggestions/comments and answer questions regarding the proposed draft subdivision ordinance. Dave asked that this topic be placed on the August agenda. Atty. Hogan will make copies of the draft subdivision ordinance, and get them out to planning members approximately 10 days prior to the August 1 st Town Board meeting. Deb P. will contact the members of the Planning/Zoning committee that the proposed subdivision draft ordinance will be on the agenda again at the August 1st meeting for discussion and possible action.
o Other business that comes before the Board		

- On another topic, Dave indicated that there is money available under the Homeland Security Grant for about \$9000 to purchase radios that can access the public frequency stations during emergencies. Casey Crump, member of the Stella Vol. Fire Dept added that he and four other firefighters recently went through hands-on training and because of this; Stella applied for the grant and was approved. The rest of the vol. fire department and the three town board members can now do this training on line. Casey indicated there are several other grants which the volunteer fire dept is looking into. One, we are almost sure to get, is a 50/50 matching grant (\$10,000) from the DNR.
- Casey C. stated that Stella's new fire truck will be ready for pickup by the end of July.
- Deb Polinski, Town Supv., asked that a "children playing" sign be installed at each end of County C where the county highway runs through the "Starks." Some vehicles are speeding 70 mph. through the township. Dave said he already called the county and requested the sign but they didn't put them up. Greg Golden indicated he also called and left a message to that effect, but the county did not return his call. Dave will make another call to the Cty. Hwy. Dept.
- Edie Franson asked about the dock for the Stella Lake boat landing that was discussed at an earlier meeting. Edie, a member of the Lake Assn., said they discussed this at their June 9th meeting and felt it was a good idea as long as the dock is maintained and there is no liability to the Lake Assn. The Lake Assn. will not be responsible for the dock. Carl Spittlemeister indicated that H& Pier Service has offered to donate a new dock for the landing and it was suggested that the Vol. Fire Dept. could maintain it. This item will have to be discussed at the next Fire Dept. meeting before this commitment is made. The Clerk will check with the town's insurance carrier to see if there will be any additional liability because of the dock. Edie F. asked to be kept apprised of any decisions made on this topic so she can take the information back to the Lake Assn.

Review monthly bills and approve for payment	Board	Action- Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.
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Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Submitted by: *Jean Fish, Town Clerk.*